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1. Sixty three battalions stationed on the Austro-Yugoslav border since 1945 were transferred to garrisons in the interior of Yugoslavia since mid-October. These battalions are believed to have constituted about half of the total troop strength along the Austro-Yugoslav border; they were not replaced.
2. During the same period there has been a corresponding reduction in para-military frontier forces along the same border.

3. Since mid-October there have been large scale troop movements by rail from the north and northwestern parts of Yugoslavia toward the eastern frontier. These movements have caused a considerable curtailment in normal civilian railroad transportation.
 4. On 25 October, the strength of the Yugoslav Army in the eastern and northern parts of Yugoslavia was estimated at 250,000.
 5. The following units were moved from Slovenia to the Rumanian and Bulgarian borders and have not been replaced:
 - a. 2 Army 43 Istrian Division from Maribor, with an artillery division from Slovenska Bistrica.
 - b. 4 Army 2 Armored Regiment and 1 Armored Division from Skofja Loka
 - c. 4 Army Engineer Regiment from Ptuj
 - d. 4 Army Motorized Regiment from Celje.
 6. The following unidentified units left the Trieste area for the "east" between 15 and 25 October:
 - a. One Proletarian regiment
 - b. Two artillery battalions
 - c. One cavalry squadron
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- 25X1 d. One regiment of 22 "Balilla" tanks [] note: Balilla was an Italian Fascist youth organization)
e. Quartermaster truck battalion of 32 trucks

- 25X1 [] Comment: Some of the above are probably units of the 1 Proletarian Regiment or units belonging to the garrison of the Trieste Free Territory, subordinate to the 4 Army, 1 Proletarian Division.)

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7. The former Yugoslav 7 Army, now called the "Army for the Defense of Internal Order" is stationed along the Hungarian and Rumanian borders with 80,000 men and 35,000 reserves.
8. General Pero Popivoda, one-time commander of 22 Division, has deserted the Yugoslav Army and is reportedly organizing an anti-Tito army in Hungary and Rumania with the strength estimated to be 14,000 men. The headquarters are allegedly at Szeged, Hungary.
9. In August, Soviet Air Force units were concentrated along the Rumanian border in the vicinity of Arad and the Banat with Soviet artillery units concentrated in the Kamenez-Podolsk area, all under the command of Marshal Tolbukhin.
10. Yugoslav troops were concentrated in the Skoplje area, and Yugoslav efforts to recondition the airfield at Skoplje were accelerated. A new railroad siding was constructed to relieve the Skoplje traffic. At Veles, southeast of Skoplje, a tank depot was completed at which were stored sixty eight 34 ton tanks.

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11. The 1, 2 and 3 Yugoslav Shock Divisions were stationed between Stol (a peak in the Karawanks Mountains) and the Italian border on 17 September 1948.

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